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President:	Mr. Buallay	(Bahrain)
Members:	Brazil	Mr. Patriota
	China	Mr. Qin Huasun
	Costa Rica	Mr. Sáenz Biolley
	France	Mr. Teixeira da Silva
	Gabon	Mr. Moungara-Moussotsi
	Gambia	Mr. Jagne
	Japan	Mr. Tanaka
	Kenya	Mr. Mahugu
	Portugal	Mr. Soares
	Russian Federation	Mr. Granovsky
	Slovenia	Mr. Mr. Lenarčič
	Sweden	Mr. Lidén
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Mr. Eldon
	United States of America	Mr. Minton

Agenda

The situation in Guinea-Bissau

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The meeting was called to order at 1.45 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

The situation in Guinea-Bissau

The President (*interpretation from Arabic*): I should like to inform the Council that I have received letters from the representatives of Guinea-Bissau and Togo, in which they request to be invited to participate in the discussion of the item on the Council's agenda. In conformity with the usual practice, I propose, with the consent of the Council, to invite those representatives to participate in the discussion, without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Cabral (Guinea-Bissau) took a seat at the Council table; Mr. Kpotsra (Togo) took the seat reserved for him at the side of the Council Chamber.

The President (*interpretation from Arabic*): The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Security Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Members of the Council have before them document S/1998/1202, which contains the text of a draft resolution prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

I should like to draw the attention of the members of the Council to documents S/1998/1178, which contains the text of a letter dated 15 December 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Togo to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council, transmitting the text of the final communiqué and the additional protocol to the Abuja Accord of 1 November 1998 concerning the formation of the Government of National Unity of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, signed at the conclusion of the meeting held in Lomé on 14 and 15 December 1998 within the framework of the Guinea-Bissau peace process.

It is my understanding that the Security Council is ready to proceed to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1998/1202) before it. Unless I hear any objection, I shall put the draft resolution to the vote now.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

A vote was taken by show of hands.

In favour:

Bahrain, Brazil, China, Costa Rica, France, Gabon, Gambia, Japan, Kenya, Portugal, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

The President (*interpretation from Arabic*): There were 15 votes in favour. The draft resolution has been adopted unanimously as resolution 1216 (1998).

The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at 1.55 p.m.